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In re application of:

NAKAGAWA , et al.

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Serial No.: 09/810,499

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE WITH SHORTER SIGNAL LINES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, for further prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to memory array having plurality, sense amplifier, switches and their interconnection. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected claims.

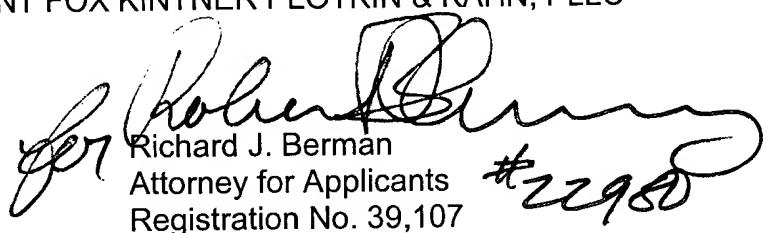
Accordingly, an early examination and an early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this

communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100353-00049.

Respectfully submitted,

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